

Barrow Alaska

March 26 28

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Mr. A.J. Montgomery

My Dear Sir.

Received your letter of Dec. 9 on March 24
The last mail went a month ago but a reindeer man is in the village
and he will take mail as far as Kotzebue for us.

I sent you a letter in July stating that I would like my checks to
be sent to the Fourth National Bank of Wichita. Wichita Kansas

The letter may have been lost or mis placed. So will you send my checks
immediately to the Fourth National Bank . 200 E, Douglas Wichita
Kansas. Will you please send as soon as possible as I will need the money
as soon as I leave here.

Have had a very pleasant year here Dr. and Mrs. Newhall and myself have
gotten along nicely.

This has not been a very busy year have had very little sickness.
Just at present I am busy taking care of a baby. One of the reindeer
herders brought his wife in from the herd some 70 miles up the coast
They had been married about a year and she was 18 years old. They got
as far as Point Barrow in 3 days and were going to stay with her mother
a few days but about 11 o'clock the first night she got sick his dogs
had traveled all day and did not go good so he harnesses him self with
the dogs and run all the way 11 miles to the hospital. They got here just in
time . the woman was in labor and at 2.45 she was delivered of an 8 lb boy
and at 3 she was delivered of a 6 lb boy. Every thing went well.

The next morning I told her she would have to make a big parky to carry
2 babies. and he said they were not going to keep them both that they
would see which one they wanted and would give the other to an eskimo
family I could hardly understand that. But that is a custom with the
eskimo. The second baby was not as strong as the first so I suggested
to Dr. that he let me keep it till the boat come this summer and I leave
and if the nurse that follows me wants to care for it let her do it till
it can live on the native food . So Dr. talked with the father and we have
the baby and he is doing fine is 24 days old and has gained about a
pound. The father is a half breed and the mother a full breed but the
baby looks like it might be half althou it is a quarter breed.

The native women never let a baby stop them from doing their work
or any thing else they want to do so I desided that this baby would not hamper
me either So I made a snow shirt long in the back and the last
2 Sundays I have gone to church and taught my Sunday school class

The first sunday he was cross but yesterday he was good and I not only
had him on my back but I had the native women that was telling the story
in eskimo to the children on my lap/ as he was cross and hard for her to manage.
and I could jig backwards and forwards as well as any eskimo/.

It is a pleasure to care for him althou a baby makes work.

You asked for an address of some of my people but I think it will
be rather late when you get this but My sister's address is

Mrs J.H. Calbeck 614 N. Sergeant Joplin Mo. and that will be
my address when I reach home.

I am planning on leaving on the Northland when she comes this summer.
Wilkins is here now and expects to fly about the 5th of Apr.

We are having them to dinner to marrow evening.

It had been very cold for a while is warmer now 49 below was the coldest
I go hiking at 30 below and it does not seem so cold if the wind
does not blow.

Thanking you for your trouble

I am cordially yours

Emily Morgan
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May 11, 1928.

Miss Emily Morgan,
Barrow, Alaska.

My dear Miss Morgan:

The treasurer's office has informed me that they are sending a check for the amount of salary due you from July 1, 1927 to March 31, 1928 as follows:

A \$100. advance was made you and of that amount \$62.50 was not used for travel. You retained that. The whole amount due was \$562.50. This would leave a balance of \$500. A check in this amount has gone to the Wichita bank. From April 1, 1928 up to the time of your leaving the bank will receive a check monthly of \$62.50 to be deposited to your account. We are enclosing herewith vouchers to our treasurer as his authorization for the payments which he has made. Hereafter kindly assign and send at your early convenience the one marked for \$500. in order that our treasurer's account may be square in that respect and then when you come to leave Barrow will you kindly fill out a voucher for each month of service subsequent to April 1, 1928 at the rate of \$62.50 per month. This will then be our treasurer's authorization for these payments which are to be made during the summer time.

We all regret that you are leaving the work at Barrow. You have been faithful and satisfactory and have done a good work. Dr. Newhall has spoken very kindly and very enthusiastically of your work. I want to add my own word of appreciation of your kindness and to express the hope that some time in the future possibly we may be able to cooperate with you in some other plans that may be more satisfactory to yourself than work in such an isolated point as Barrow.

Yours very cordially,

A. J. Montgomery, Director,
Town and Country Department.

JUN 23 1928

May 16-28
Barrow Alaska.

Dear Mr. Montgomery

Received your letter of the 9 in the March mail I answered and sent it to Kaktzebue by the gov. man that was here then but was not sure you would get it and as I have a chance to send this by plain to Fairbanks will write again

We are getting along fine. We have not had a great deal of Hospital work to do the village has been unusually well. I am taking care of a native baby. the mother had twins and as they are rendered helpless and live in ice houses and move with the herd they said they could not care for two and would give one away so I talked with Dr. and we kept the smaller one. he was born March 2. weighed 6 lbs and last Thursday he weighed 10 $\frac{1}{2}$

I have him on eagle brand and coronation
and he seems to be doing well. I am getting
very much attached to him.

The father & mother took Benton and we have Benton.
Will you please send my salary to the
Fourth National Bank. 200 E. Douglas
Wichita Kans and ask them to deposit it
to my credit as I have an account there
Will you send it at once as I will need it
is coming home this summer.
I may be on my soon after you get this
but my Sister's address is Mrs J. H. Colbeck
614 N. Sergeant Joplin Mo. and that will
be my home address when I get to the
states.

We were glad to hear that Wilkins made it
across he was here about 8 weeks.

He left his little vicinity set here and Mr.
Vincent the school teacher followed him for
17 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours. I think from what they say he
is the only one that followed him.
The native bays here are getting the loose key

sets and are practicing and will soon be
able to pick up messages I think they

if some one would send in a short wave
receiving set like the one Wilkins left with
M. Vincent that had the Janitor here and some
of the other young boys would soon get so they
could take messages. and later on get so they
could send messages. Wilkins send from the
delecs here all the time he was in Barrow,
I have had a very pleasant year in Barrow
the work has gone well. and Dr & Mrs Newhall
& myself have gotten on well together.
I have been in Alaska 5 years now ~~as~~ and I
think it is time to go home.

I do not think my church (Methodists) liked
it very ^{well} because I came here for a year, but
I think it will be all right when I get home.
I only came for three years and I stayed with
them & so I do not think they could complain
any. I wanted experience in a native village
that was not contaminated with the white trash
as they are in Nome, and I have my experience.
The teachers got word that they would build a
new school this year to replace the one that was
burnt.
There are some ~~men~~ ^{men} here and they are
bringing a radio set receiving & sending set.
There are 5 of them and they will stay till

the boats come. they come by plain.

Will send you a note when I get
home this summer.

Yours sincerely

Emily Morgan.

June 4

P.S. The men are all found and
are here in the Hospital
2 were out 9 days and did not have
much to eat. their feet are in bad
condition.

The other man was brought in
to day he lived on lemming and is in
better shape. They are sort of a mouse with
out a tail foxes live on them.
He has snow blindness.

one plain goes out to day.

E. M.

Dear Mr Montgomery

AUG 20 1928

Received your letter

just before leaving Barrow. Suppose Dr Newhall has written you all about the Fox film people coming to Barrow and getting lost on the tundra. and of Mr Menil's illness and of me leaving the hospital and coming home with him on the plane. I was sorry not to stay my last month but could not turn down the air trip. We had a very pleasant trip Mr Menil was very weak the first day. But I had a small hospital in the plane. Mr Wien the pilot took out the base board in the plane so Mr Menil could lay down straight and then I had a chair just beside him and at my feet I had a box with food and the drugs I needed and in the little pocket about I had a bed pan, vinal, o gauge and cotton and a few other things. I fed him every 2 hours, took his temperature

Counted his fuses & etc.
Ralph Wien piloted my Menil's
plane from Barrow to Fairbanks.
The first day July 5 we got to
Kotzebue and took the ph. to
Miss Colly's apartment for the
night. the next day we flew
to Nome was 3 hours in the
air. Mr Menil was so tired
we decided to rest 3 or 4 days so
he went to the Hospital in Nome
after we were ready to start
the weather was bad so we
were in Nome 2 weeks.

When we did start we were $2\frac{1}{2}$ days
in the air till we were caught in
a rain storm and lit on a sand
bar on the Yukon just opposite
Kaltag. It was raining so hard I
thought best to keep Mr Menil in
the plane all night rather than
take him across the river in
a boat. So I fixed me a bed as best
I could on the pilot's seat, and
we put through a rather miserable
night. the plane leaked some and the

was not very comfortable. at 8 a.m.
we were on our way again was 4 hrs
to ~~for~~ Fairbanks, 26 hours in the plane
6 1/2 hours in the air. all told were 10
hours in the air to Fairbanks. Mrs
Menil came to Fairbanks to be with
her husband so I came on to Anchorage
on the train. And he came the next day.
The trip was rather hard on him
so I stayed with him 4 days after he
got home. He is improving and will soon
be up and around.

I saw Rev. Joel + Griesb on the way.
I am going to work at the ~~govt~~
Hospital in Anchorage a month as they
are short of nurses. They are getting
another in. And then it will not put
me in the States in such hot weather.
I will visit the Jessie Lee Home
at Seward and think I will also stop
at Sitka.

You said in your letter you started my
Salary July 1st, ²⁷ I worked in the Hospital no
more till Aug 1st and did not reach Barrow
till Aug 31. Then I left July 5. I do not
know just how to count it.

Now I did not charge Mr. Menil for

my time in traveling, and I had to freight
my trunk & box out, so I thought if you
allowed me the same as my expences
in (\$37.00) it would be a square deal.
I do not know how to fill these
vouchers out. I think perhaps you
will have sent me more money
than is coming to me by the
time you get this letter.

If you will figure it out and
you have I will gladly refund.

and sign the Voucher.

I expect to leave here about Sept 1st
and will reach home the latter
part of Sept.

You can address me
at 614 M. Sergeant
Jaffin Ms.

Regret leaving the work at Banow also
the Baby as the father would not let
me bring it home with me.

your friend

Emily Morgan

November 23, 1928

Miss Bettie J. Pell
46 Model Avenue
Trenton, New Jersey

My dear Miss Pell:

Your letter of November 22nd has come to my desk. The Hospital at Barrow, Alaska is the northernmost institution of that kind on the American Continent. The present building was erected in 1920 and full hospital service set up at that time. The staff consists of a doctor, a housekeeper and two nurses. The hospital is equipped with eight beds and in addition maintains outside the building a clinic and public welfare work. The present resident doctor is Dr. A. W. Newhall who will take his furlough in the summer of 1929. He will be replaced by Dr. H. W. Greist.

I am unable to verify the story that the hospital grew out of the suggestion of Dr. Grafton Burke and the late Archdeacon Stuck. As a matter of fact, the work at Barrow began in 1890. The first missionary was a school teacher, but shortly after his withdrawal a medical missionary was sent in and he did what work was possible for him to do without a hospital. From the very beginning we contemplated a hospital at this point, although it was years before we were able to secure the money necessary for such an expensive undertaking.

I have no personal knowledge of Dr. Burke's work and only know of it by report. I am very happy to say, however, that all the reports which I have heard of his work are most excellent and commendatory and I have come to believe that he is doing an heroic service in a strategic point amongst the native populations of the Upper Yukon.

Hoping that this will assist you and be satisfactory, I am,

Yours very cordially

A. J. Montgomery, Director
Town and Country Department

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